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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Attention: Secretary

Reference: CC Docket Number 92-297
Local Multi-point Distribution Service

Dear Mr. Secretary,

M/A-COM, Inc. is a public company (NYSE:MAI) involved in the manufacturing of RF and Microwave semiconductors, components, and subsystems. Headquartered in Wakefield, MA, we currently employ more than 4,000 people - mostly in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, California, and Maryland. We also have manufacturing facilities in Puerto Rico, Ireland, and the U.K.

M/A-COM is currently a supplier of a 28 GHz microwave antenna/receiver to the Suite 12 Group (CellularVision). As such, we offer our support for the frequency reallocation to 28 GHz because this technology provides demonstrated performance. We believe that the use of two 1,000 MHz bands in each market area would provide excellent service to the consumers for both entertainment and educational services.

This technology is not only viable, but it represents an excellent example of the conversion of defense related technology to the commercial market. Only a few short years ago, most of M/A-COM's business was in the defense market. Now with conversion moving rapidly, we expect the commercial marketplace opportunity to far exceed the DoD market. This conversion, driven by applications such as multipoint distribution service, will allow companies such as M/A-COM to rapidly grow their commercial business and to increase export potential.

We are indeed pleased to be a key supplier to Suite 12 Group and we endorse the effort to allocate the 28 GHz band for these commercial purposes. The decision to proceed in this frequency band will greatly support our efforts in converting from the defense market to the commercial markets. This technology will not only provide benefits to consumers but it will also strengthen technology companies such as M/A-COM and make us more competitive in the global market.

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We also feel that as the Pioneer of this technology and their ongoing commitment to furthering the applications of this technology, Suite 12 Group should be awarded its requested Pioneer Preference for the Los Angeles territory in addition to the New York marketplace. Hereby, this award will benefit companies such as ours in creating jobs and a leadership position internationally in new technologies.

Very truly yours,

M/A-COM, Inc.

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